

DELAY DECISION AS TO FREDERICK

REAL ESTATE MAN NOW DOING TERM IN PRISON CAUSES SQUABBLE.

MANY PLEAD FOR HIS PAROLE

Claim is Made That Swindler's Perceptions Were Blunted by Operation—Protests Against Pardoning Felt.

Jefferson City, Mo. The fate of A. H. Frederick rests with the state prison board. Whether that body will recommend a parole for him will not be known for several days. Strong pleas were made for clemency by Henry Kortjohn, Jr., Mortimer Levy and Festus J. Wade. Petitions and letters aggregating several thousand voicing protests against a parole were filed by Frank Helms, representing the Hemmelmann real estate company and by a committee from the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange, consisting of Warren McGinnis, Joseph Hannauer and Richard F. Spaackler.

Kortjohn said that he appeared before the board not to defend the acts of Frederick, but to appeal for mercy. "We admit his guilt to the very limit," said Kortjohn, "but we do contend that the law has been fully vindicated and that no good end would now be served by keeping him longer behind the prison bars."

Kortjohn said that Frederick had never told his side of the case. He believed that Frederick was not mentally responsible for his acts at the time they were committed, and read a letter from Dr. George Richter, who said that the removal of a goiter from the neck of Frederick may have had a tendency to wreck his nervous system and dull his perception of right and wrong.

At the conclusion of the arguments Chairman Painter indicated that the findings of the board would not be made known for several days.

That an inquiry might be made into the mental condition of Frederick at the time of offenses was indicated by Chairman Painter asking Helms what would be his attitude if two alienists should say that Frederick was not mentally responsible at the time.

Helms said that from 1908 until his trial Frederick had sat on innumerable commissions for the city and there had been no question as to his mental condition. This period, he said, covered the time Kortjohn said his mind might have been affected by the operation.

U. S. Profits by Doubt.

District exemption boards of review here adopted four general rules in passing upon exemption claims. They are:

1. That a man's claim for exemption or discharge shall be clearly established. The benefit of the doubt shall be given to the government, and local boards are requested to notify all applicants that any exemption or discharge is subject to change at any time.

2. The claims for exemption or discharge that are temporary in character shall be limited so that when the reason for the temporary exemption passes, the man shall be liable for military service.

3. That in physical examinations the benefit of any doubt shall be in favor of the government.

4. The facts shown by affidavits will be closely examined. No oral hearing will be held and the entire efforts of the board in strict conformity with the law, will be turned to securing Missouri's full quota.

Home Guard Reserves.

Col. A. N. Seaber is preparing to organize a "Home Guard Reserve" company, to be made up of men over 64 years of age, some of whom are at present members of the "Governor's Guard."

The purpose of the company would be to have it ready for service in the event it should ever be necessary for the governor to call out the "Home Guard" for duty outside of Jefferson City.

Enrollment Cut Down.

Enrollment at the state university will not be seriously affected by the draft, according to President A. Ross Hill. In a statement he said that while volunteer service, such as was offered by numerous students who went to Fort Riley for the officers' training camp, might cut down representation a little, the draft itself will not cause any appreciable loss.

President Hill said that the faculty would not be reduced on the prospect of a few hundred students going to war.

Clark's Son Promoted.

Bennet Clark, son of Speaker Clark and parliamentarian of the house of representatives, has accepted the lieutenant colonelcy of the sixth regiment of the Missouri national guard, now in formation.

Young Clark departed for Missouri to meet other officers who, he was advised, unanimously elected him to the second position of the command. Clark, who has been in training at the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Va., has been assured a commission as senior captain in the national army.

Refuse to Unionize Shop.

Representatives of the St. Louis concern which has the \$60,000 contract for installing the electrical equipment in the new capitol, told R. T. Wood, president of the Missouri Federation of Labor, and P. J. Grimes, president of the St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Union, that they would not unionize their shop while working the electrical equipment into the capitol.

A meeting followed a meeting between the representatives of the capitol and the labor union.

John L. Linn, Jr.

A special session of the Missouri general assembly has been called by Gov. Gardner for the spring of 1918, to reduce the state taxation rate. Other matters to be considered by the assembly will include expenditures by the state incident to the war.

A letter from Gov. Gardner to the Ray County Taxpayers' Committee is the result of a resolution it adopted dealing with the working of the recently created State Tax Commission. It was based on the theory assessments of property at full value will work hardship upon farmers.

Following is the governor's letter: I have read the article signed by yourselves on the subject of tax assessment. The substance of the resolution, I take it, is that "with a cash valuation the assessed valuation of the state would be trebled, which under the present tax rate would in the year 1918 collect \$7,000,000 more than was ever collected before in any one year by direct tax."

No state should collect more from the taxpayers than is required to economically and efficiently administer its affairs, giving the maximum service at the minimum expense. I beg to say that after the State Board of Equalization has finished its work in March, 1918, and the true valuation has been ascertained and certified, I shall call a special session of the legislature for the express purpose of reducing the state tax rate to a figure meeting only the legitimate expenses of the state. It is my opinion that the rate can be decreased and each biennial period thereafter the rate may be decreased further.

The county courts, school boards and other levying bodies will be informed of the assessment as finally determined by the State Board of Equalization; and the said bodies will in the spring reduce their tax rates. The upshot of the whole proposition will be that taxes will be equalized honestly, justly and fairly to all citizens. Our present system, which invites hundreds of thousands of citizens, together with assessors and boards, to annual perjury, will be abolished in this state, as it has been in practically all others. Such a change will be in conformity with the plain law.

Notary Fee Not Required.

Applicants for exemption under the selective draft act will not be subjected to the payment of notarial fees, which would amount to a total of \$1.50 for each.

Three affidavits are required from each man who applies for exemption. These cost 50 cents each when made before a notary public in this state. The burden that would be imposed struck Adjutant General McCord as unjust and ten days ago he applied to President Wilson through the war department for a ruling.

It provides that members of local exemption boards can administer the oath on the required affidavits without expense to the applicants. This ruling will become a part of the regulations of the draft code.

The affidavits required are one from the man making application and setting out his reasons for exemption and two in support of this.

Corn Crop Estimate.

Missouri's estimated corn crop of 230,000,000 bushels, will be about 90,000,000 in excess of that of last year, according to the monthly crop report issued by the state board of agriculture.

The condition was placed at 80, 2 points less than a month ago, and compared with 57.2 a year ago.

The forecast was for 28.9 bushels to the acre.

The oats crop was placed at a total of 39,000,000 bushels, or 14,000,000 more than last year. The yield was placed at 34.9 bushels to the acre.

More Men to Be Called.

Adjutant General McCord, acting up on instructions from the war department, sent out instructions to all the local exemption boards in Missouri to call up for immediate examination 10 per cent more men than they were to have called under the original instructions.

This, it is explained, is to provide a list of eligibles from which to fill vacancies created in the local districts by exemptions allowed on appeal by the boards of review.

Educators Go to War Camp.

Dr. M. P. Ravenel, professor of bacteriology and preventive medicine in the university of Missouri, and Dr. G. L. Noyes, dean of the school of medicine, departed for Fort Riley, to receive instruction in army medical work. Both have been members of the medical reserve corps for years.

Farmers Favor U. S. Control.

In gathering statistics for the crop report for Missouri, Jewell Mayes, secretary of the state board of agriculture, asked 800 farmers if they favored the government fixing prices, and 68 per cent were against it unless the government also fixed prices on products the farmer must buy.

State Aid for St. Louis.

The allotment of \$4,000 to St. Louis out of the \$200,000 made by the last legislature out of the state good roads fund will be spent in paving Skinker road on the western boundary of Forest Park with wood blocks.

Under the terms of the appropriation the maximum amount that could be drawn by any one county in the state was fixed at \$ per cent. St. Louis drew its maximum of \$4,000, making an agreement with the State Highway Board that it would be expended on Skinker road.

Guard to Be Armed.

Attorney General McAllister, who is in Washington to ascertain what equipment can be obtained from the government for Home Guard organizations in Missouri, telegraphed to Governor Gardner as follows:

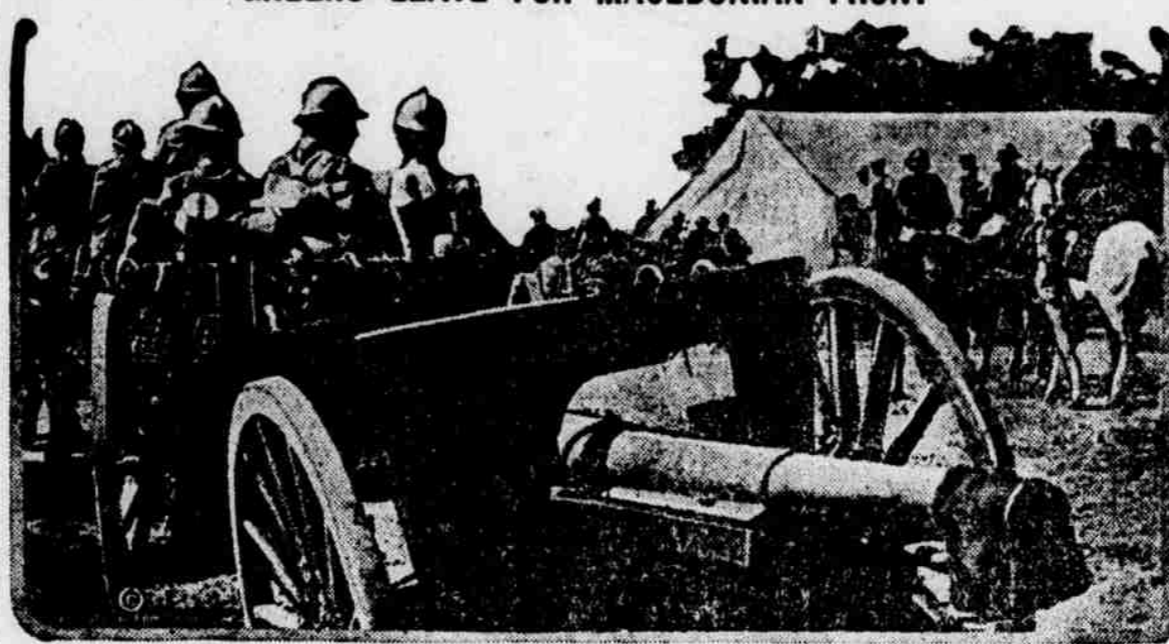
"Have had a satisfactory interview with Secretary Baker and afterward with ordnance officers. The immediate supply of equipment is limited, but plenty will be available in two or three months."

Home Guard organizations are being formed all over the state.



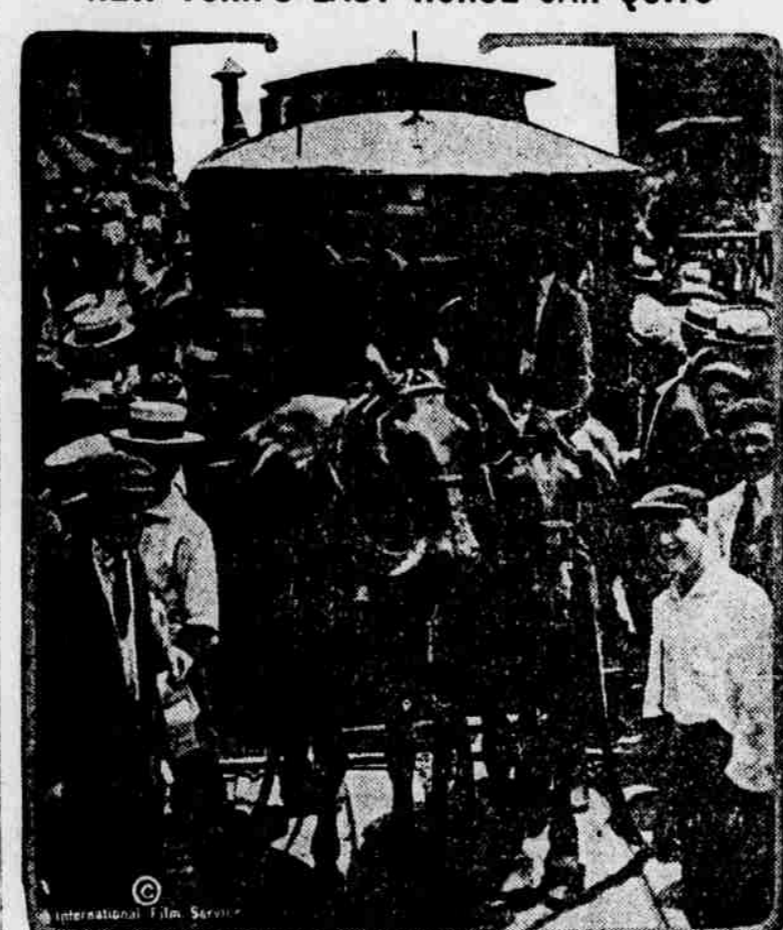
1—Launching of the United States destroyer Caldwell at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco. 2—General Christopoulos of the newly active Greek army questioning Bulgarian prisoners. 3—General view of the entomment camp at Leon Springs, Texas.

GREEKS LEAVE FOR MACEDONIAN FRONT



Greek battery of 75's starting for the Macedonian front to fight side by side with the entente allies.

NEW YORK'S LAST HORSE CAR QUILTS



The last horse car in New York made its last run at noon a few days ago. The start was from Bleeker street and Broadway, the eastern terminus of the line. Members of the public service commission, representatives of the New York railways and reporters were in the old car, making the biggest load of passengers it had carried for a long time. A week before it earned 15 cents in one day.

RUSH WORK ON AVIATION CAMPS



Carpenters working on new hangars at one of the aviation training schools "somewhere in the United States." Each day as more men join the air service the need for greater training camps becomes pressing. Every camp is being enlarged for the great corps of flyers Uncle Sam is training.

MUCH IN LITTLE

At least 8,000 gardens were planted last spring in New York city. The world's consumption of tea has tripled in the last 50 years. The best sand for glass manufacture comes from Fontainebleau. Most army cooks prefer the kerosene stoves to those burning wood. The life of a United States patent is 17 years. Negroes in the United States have a taxable wealth of about \$500,000,000.

Platinum plated utensils for chemists are being made by welding the costlier metal to steel or nickel bases and rolling it into sheets. One variety of sugar cane is raised in China for chewing in its raw state and is kept in good condition for months by burial in the ground. A Pennsylvania is the patentee of a combined mail box and milk bottle holder, which can be freely opened for the insertion of their intended contents but are locked against theft when anything has been placed in them.

WAR BREAD AT GETTYSBURG



Ten-pound loaf of bread baked on the Gettysburg battlefield. This size of loaf is called war-bread, for it keeps in good condition for three weeks. Uncle Sam's bakers turn out bread that delights the soldiers.

ONE OF OUR HUGE SHELLS



Student officer beside a 14-inch projectile, the weight of which is 1,070 pounds. In the bags are 825 pounds of powder, smokeless.

Natural Process.

"How did your wife manage to make the carpet man keep his appointment?" "Oh, she floored him with an argument and just rolled him down."

With the Mosquito Fleet.

First Sergeant—What's that wriggling object off there near the horizon? Second Mate—Guess it must be a nervous wreck.

A Horrible Possibility.

Wicker—What could be more unfortunate than for the patient to know what the doctor knows? Snicker—For the patient to know what the doctor doesn't know, of course.—Judge.

Trained for War.

"Where did Fibson get his early training as a war correspondent?" "When he was an ordinary newspaper reporter he used to 'cover' a court of domestic relations."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Two Boone County children lost their lives at Columbia recently. Carrie Frances Forbis, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Forbis, was playing at the gate on her father's farm near Columbia when a horse, blinded with pinkeys, ran through the gate. The child was knocked down and crushed to death. Murray Jones, 11 years old, an orphan, was drowned while bathing with neighbor girls in Pierce Creek northwest of Columbia. She lived on the farm of her uncle, Louis Jones.

The road bond issue for 4 million dollars in Scott County carried by a safe majority. It is proposed to build about two hundred and thirty miles of hard roads with the money. Bonds will be voted soon in Mississippi County and New Madrid County has already voted money for roads which insures hard roads over the entire Southeast Missouri.

The West End bank, at University City, a suburb of St. Louis, was robbed of \$2,190 by an unmasked bandit. He pointed a revolver through the window of the assistant cashier and commanded him to hand over the ten and twenty-dollar bills. The robber escaped.

Mrs. George Hickey, 55, wife of a farmer residing near Metz, ten miles southwest of Rich Hill, died recently while in the office of a Rich Hill physician.

Crop conditions in Daviess county continue excellent. The biggest crop of oats in the history of the county has just been harvested. The yield averaged around sixty bushels, quality fine and the acreage largest ever grown. The wheat crop was excellent, but not large. A big hay crop of fine quality is now being harvested. Local showers and intensive cultivation give a fine outlook for corn. Some sections need rain, but the crop is not seriously impaired. Buckwheat, millet and other late planted crops are doing fine.

Luther Buster, 52 years old, a widely known farmer living near Callao, Macon county, was struck by a motor car driven by State Senator Walter C. Goodson and died as a result of his injuries.

The officials of the Missouri State Fair Association have written to Theodore Roosevelt urging him to come to Sedalia Monday, October 2, to deliver an address at the sixteenth annual state fair on Patriotism Day.

U. W. Lamkin, state superintendent of schools, delivered the address at the graduating exercises of the Springfield State Normal school recently. Certificates and diplomas were awarded to nearly 300 students.

St. Louis brewers recently said a thousand saloons in Missouri would go out of business if a tax of \$3.50 is placed on beer as planned by the senate finance committee.

Rock road building in Clay county is delayed by points concerning the 14 million dollar bond issue still before the supreme court, but the Clay county court is getting state aid in permanent road work. The Liberty and Kansas City road will be widened to thirty-two feet and graded from Liberty to Winnwood under specifications that will meet requirements for state aid. There will be only one hill between Kansas City and Liberty having a grade of more than 5 per cent.

Corn replanted on overflowed bottom lands in the Chariton Valley is good. J. G. Yutz, a farmer near Callao, had thirty acres of corn destroyed by the flood. He was unable to replant until July 1. His corn now is more than twenty-four inches high. Its growth has been more than an inch a day. Lowland farmers are confident they will raise as good crops as though floods had not drowned them out. The losses, which had been estimated at thousands, will nearly all be made good by the development of replanted fields.

Dr. B. F. Menefee, coroner of Montgomery county, received a telegram notifying him to report at Fort Riley August 10, having been selected as surgeon with the rank of lieutenant in the United States army.

Even in strong German communities, breweries are finding it hard to make things go, and the old Kropp Brewery at Hermann is no more. Carpenters have bought the old site, which included thirty building lots, for \$3,000.

Prof. Abner Jones of the University of Missouri, is dead at Columbia, following a double operation for kidney disease and appendicitis. Professor Jones was 44 years old. He formerly was superintendent of the Lancaster and Greenfield public schools and principal of a ward school at Carthage.

W. E. Barnard of Lamar, a wealthy land owner, was killed when Santa Fe No. 17 crashed into the motor car he was driving. The accident occurred at a crossing near Carrollton Junction.

Plans for an enormous governmental exhibit along patriotic lines, showing war and its various phases as it is, crystallized at Washington recently when at a conference of the National Council of Defense and the National Security League it was finally decided to make an extensive display at the Missouri State Fair September 22 to 29.

Nine children were bitten by dogs in St. Louis recently and two of them are in a critical condition. All were given emergency treatment for rabies.



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A financial note says that money is easier. Perhaps it goes that way, but it comes about as usual.

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HE HIT BULL'S EYE THEN

Governor Cox of Ohio Explains Why His Marksmanship Improved Suddenly on Rifle Range.

James M. Cox, governor of Ohio, told this story when he visited Fort Benjamin Harrison, says the Indianapolis News:

"I was over at the fort this afternoon, and out at the rifle range Major Darrow asked me if I wouldn't like to try shooting. The men then were shooting from the 600-yard range, said 'yes,' so Major Darrow borrowed a rifle for me from one of the men and another for himself, and we lay down across the sand bags and began peppering away."

"After each shot that either of us made the man down in the pit waved the red flag that meant we had missed the target altogether."

"Finally after about a half dozen shots apiece, the major said: 'Young man, telephone down to that man in the pit that Major Darrow is shooting,' and so the young man did, and then the major shot again, and the pit man waved the emblem that signified the major had hit the bull's-eye."

"Then I said to myself, 'um hum,' and so I turned to the man on my right and I said, 'Young man, telephone down to the pit man that the governor of Ohio is shooting, and then the next time I hit the bull's-eye, too.'"

Truthful for Once. "Did you ever know an amateur angler to tell the truth?" "Oh, yes; I heard one tell another that he was a liar."

A Different Way. "Concerning the murder in his books, did the cashier clear it up?" "No; but he cleared out."

